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3A, MONACO. John, 3A2LU, has been showing up regularly on 21335 kHz around 1500-1700z. QSL to: John Copper, 22 Blvd d Italie, MC-98000, Monaco.

3B8CF/3B7 CARDS. N4VZ spoke with Jacky, 3B8CF, on March 13, and asked him if he had completed the mailing of the cards for the 3B7 operation. He replied that he still had about 3000 remaining to be mailed. No time frame was given.

9K, KUWAIT. Bob, WA8MOA, now has his license as 9K2ZR. He and some other 9K2s have been able to secure permission for a 6 meter operation. A rig has been sent to them via air mail and it may have arrived already.

D2, ANGOLA. Doug, WA9PQX, was on 21320 kHz around 2100z signing /D2. His length of stay is unknown. There's not much info on this one. QSL to home call.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. FK8CP showed up Sunday morning (3/15) on 1830 kHz around 1120z. He was sending CW very slowly, but with a good signal.

FO0, CLIPPERTON ISLANDS. By the time you read this the FO0CI operation will be over and on their way back. John, K8YSE, had a conversation with one of the operators of FO0CI and was told that as of March 13th, they had made almost 30,000 contacts. In the conversation, the operator shed some light on the proper way to QSL FO0CI. The route is N7QQ, but it is not necessary to send separate cards for each QSO as many other DX stations request. An SASE should be enclosed and your card listing all contacts is sufficient. All logging was done on paper, and the data will be transferred to computer for ease of QSLing. One of the operators has a computer on the ship and will spend the 6 day return trip putting QSOs in the database. The FO0CI group has done a fine job in giving many a new country and/or band contact. But remember, this group did not receive much financial support because they had not established a previous DXpedition track record. Obviously, they have one now. Don't just send an SASE and a QSL card, help off-set some of the financial cost with a donation too. These op's deserve our support.

FR/T, TROMELIN. Jack, FR5ZU/T, has been active on the 14256 DX net around 0300z and on a net at 21318 kHz around 1845z. He has also been heard in 24960 kHz around 1700z.

KH7, KURE ISLAND. There has been plenty of activity by Rick, KH6JEB, signing /KH7 from Kure Island this week. Rick will be leaving the island around the 19th, but you can usually find him between 28480-28490 kHz around 2100 to 2330z. He has also been heard on or around 3795 kHz at 0830 to 0930z. Also check 21345 kHz around 1815z and 24955 kHz around 2245z. Remember! It was reported in OPDX.048 that Kure Island's LORAN station will be closing soon and this may make KH7 rare in the future. QSL to his home call.

OBLAST 106. For those OBLAST chasers, UW4WA is going to OBLAST 106 using the callsign R0H. His visit will be July 20 to August 10.

PY0, TRINDADE. Rumor is circulating that PY0TT will begin operation from here on March 17. There is no information on his length of stay.

S2, BANGLADESH. Eric has become active again as WZ6C/S2. He has been heard on 14183 at 2117z, 14240 at 2216z, 21313 at 1800z and 28526 kHz at 1651z. Eric was very weak and all operations were conducted on nets and lists with much interference. Eric states that there is a big change of heart regarding ham radio in Bangladesh. The minister has approved two outsiders for operation. He reported that HA5BUS and 9K2CS (possibly with N6BFM from Atlanta) have been granted 30 day licenses for operation in Bangladesh. However, they must only use their home calls and cannot put a portable S2 or /S2 on their calls. They can state where they are operating from. There is another report stating Al, 9K2CS, has no intentions of going to S2. Eric has also applied for a temporary license under the same restrictions.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLANDS. Just a reminder, looking for Fritz and Claudia signing VK9CK and VK9CL from March 17th to April 6th. They plan to be active on 160-6 meters plus activity on the satellites, CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be active during the CQ WPX SSB Contest, March 28-29th. Suggested frequencies will be: CW - 1831 or 1911, 3505, 7005, 10103, 14005, 18073, 21005, 24895 and 28005 kHZ. SSB - 3789, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295 and 28495 kHz. RTTY - around 85 kHz up from band edge. Six meter activity will be on 50110 kHz. QSL direct or Bureau via F6IMS.

VP8, SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS. The March excitement continues next weekend with another rare station. South Sandwich is the number one most wanted station according to the 1991 OPDX/NODXA DX Survey. VP8SSI should be active March 21st from Thule Island which is part of the South Sandwich group. The following frequencies will be used: CW - 1824, 3524, 7024, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024. SSB - 1845, 3795, 7065, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495. Six meter beacon 50117 kHz and on 2 meters EME 144.028. RTTY - 95 kHz up from band edge.

VU7, LACCADIVE ISLANDS. Denny, GW3CDP, had a conversation with VU2NTA about the VU7 operation. VU2NTA stated their license is OK and they plan to go there in the second week in April.

XX, MACAO. Iris Colvin is reported as being QRV as XX9TQL. There is no word if Lloyd is operating or not, but Iris has been reported on 20 meter SSB. The length of stay is unknown.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. YA5MM hit the airwaves March 9th and continues to be active probably until March 19th. Signal levels have been exceptionally good. Igor, UT4UX, and company have made many DXers happy with a new one and their operating techniques were very commendable. Check 10 meters (28030, 28505) starting around 1200z, 15 meters (21030,21295) around 1730 and 0300z, 20 meters (14030,14195) around 0130z. They were also sometimes heard operating around 3796 kHz at 2330-130z. There was a mistake in last week's bulletin (OPDX.052) on the QSL information. QSL info should be: Igor Petrashko, P.O. Box 321, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria. (Not Sofia 100 as reported.) UPDATE 3/15: YA5MM was heard Sunday morning stating that they will be QRV one more week.

DXCC. OPDX has learned that Don Search, W3AZD, has left the ARRL DXCC Desk. OPDX and NODXA would like to thank Don for his hard work and many years with the DXCC Desk. The effort and time Don spent to keep the integrity of the DXCC has made the ARRL DXCC Award the number one sought after award throughout the world. Thank you and good luck, Don.

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